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Mid-Winter Meetings

Strategy and planning sessions are being held in Cleveland, Ohio, January 16-24, involving most phases of our denominational program. The Board of Home Missions' Secretaries and the State Superintendents meet for a Study Conference Jan. 16 to 18 to re-study our co-operative strategy. The 18th to 20th will be given over to sectional meetings, Superintendents, Directors of Religious Education, Laymen's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship and the various National Boards. The Annual Mid Winter Meeting proper which is the planning and business session of the Missions Council, will be Jan. 21-24. The theme for the meeting is, "Let the Church Bear the Message." Kansans attending are Mrs. John W. Gibson, the Rev. E. L. Baker, Mr. Chester Bidleman, Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Miss Pauline Bloomer and Superintendent L. M. Rymph.

Forty Years Service

The Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Baldwin retired from the active ministry in late November, having given 40 years continuous service to Congregationalism in nine churches. An open house honoring them was given by the Plevna Church on November 25 when they were presented with a gift of appreciation for 3½ years of faithful service. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are at home in Wichita at 4003 N. Dale, near their only son James and his wife.

Ten Percent Club

Churches with 10% or more of their resident members subscribing to Advance, get a special rate of $2.00 per year in addition to one free bonus copy. Kansas has eight churches now in this category who were given special recognition in Advance, December 24. Anthony, Eureka, Haven, Kinsley, Newton, Osborne, Ottawa and Plevna.

Harvest Home Festival

The 22nd annual observance was held in Almena in late October with a packed church on Sunday morning and also in the evening when the young people presented the play: "Pharisee Versus the People." The supper, bazaar and auction were held at the city hall on Monday evening with the largest crowd in years attending. The auctioneer from Alma, Kansas, says he looks forward to the occasion with eagerness each year. The annual festival was started under the leadership of the R. C. McCoys and has grown with the years.

"And Mary Pondered"

This was the name of the Christmas Pageant arranged and directed by Miss Nedra Korab for Kansas City First Pilgrim on the evening of Dec. 23. It was a delightfully arranged narrative tableau of scripture scenes, accompanied by choral singing of the best loved Christmas carols.

National Chirstian Teaching Mission

To be held in Wichita, January 17-24, sponsored by the Wichita Council of Churches. The Rev. Fosberg Hughes will be guest leader for Pilgrim Church and the Rev. Ray Carleton Jones for Fairmount Church.

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Kansas Congregational Centennial Celebration

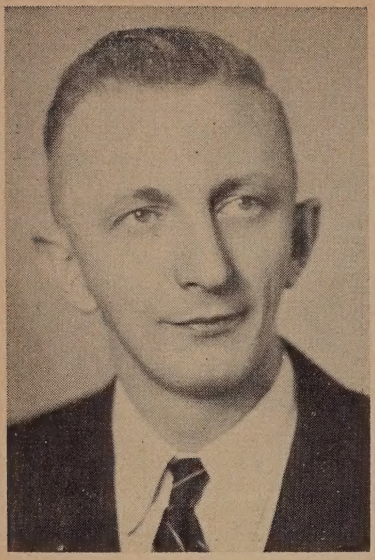
Frank H. Korab

The 1954 Centennial Committee, appointed by the Congregational Christian Conference, to wind up a century of the churches' activity with proper emphasis, has been busy during the past year with the required number of meetings, correspondence, and groundwork planning. Under the driving chairmanship of Dr. Walter H. Upton of Plymouth Church, Wichita, it looks at this point that nothing will be done "too little and too late." Picking the spot to hold the celebration was a push-over, as that honor automatically fell to Lawrence. Why? This is a good question to ask in any Church School class next Sunday.

There the joy for Lawrence ceased as well as for some nearby points, Topeka, etc. For upon them will rest the responsibility of planning, writing and putting into practice more plays, pageantry and floats than can pass a given point in . . . well . . . anyway . . . one hundred years of it. Scores of names of persons to give the Centennial Address have been suggested, but no invitations have been sent out, for how can one tell who is going to live how long?

There was no denying that a Centennial History should be written and without hesitation that duty was assigned to Prof. C. M. Correll of Manhattan. Professor Correll just thought he was a retired History Professor at Kansas State, but like a lot of people who would retire, he got "retreaded" and now is launched on a gigantic task. The problem of "correlling," selecting, digesting and writing a history from this widely scattered, voluminous and exciting material is something for "the book." And this book is going to be an item every Congregationalist in Kansas will want. How you will be sure to get one will come at a later date after Mr. Upton again gathers his committee together, which includes in addition to Mr. Correll, Mrs. F. W. Epps of Topeka, Chester Bidleman of Kinsley and Frank Korab of Kansas City. The latter has been chosen as director of the Centennial Publicity Committee, which is supposed to weld the efforts of the press, pulpit and radio into some sort of a hush-hush rumor factory producing effects to work like a rocket.

Now, while this committee is in the play end of this preparation, the churches are in serious business. The slogan of "4,000 more by '54" means that that many more members must be added to our church rolls before the day we gather in Lawrence in May 1954. This has been the absorbing interest of the state commission on Evangelism with the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson, Chairman. Many churches have shown great membership gains during the past year with added interest for the complete church program. This is the solid part of the program which will add to the joy of the victorious year of '54.



Louis Poppe To Whitewater

We are happy to welcome Louis G. Poppe and family to Kansas. Mr. Poppe will begin his pastorate at Whitewater Federated Church on February 10, coming to us from the Emerald Grove Congregational Church in Wisconsin where he has given outstanding leadership.

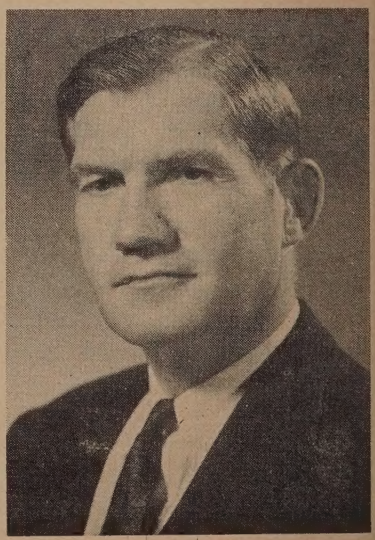
He is president of the Congregational-Christian Rural Fellowship and a member of the Agricultural Relations Committee of the National Council for Social Action. He has been serving as the Chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the Wisconsin Council of Churches and as a member of the State Committee on Children and Youth. Each summer he has been a leader in Youth Camps.

Mr. Poppe is the older brother of the Rev. Hans Poppe, who has done such outstanding work at Gorham and Russell. He is a graduate of Yankton, College and Theological Seminary and has done graduate work in the University of Chicago. The Poppe's children are Roger Louis 10½ years and Billy Ray, 9 years.

Washburn Minister' Convocation

Anticipation runs high as we look forward to the Annual Ministers' Convocation to be held in Topeka, February, 12, 13 and 14. Washburn University has secured Dr. Allen Hackett, Minister of Pilgrim Church, St. Louis to be the annual chapel speaker. Dr. Hackett served the church at the Cross Roads in Honolulu from 1944 until six months ago when he came to St. Louis. Other leadership is awaiting confirmation.

As for the past twelve years, twenty to twenty-five out-of-town ministers will be housed and given breakfast at the state parsonage. This annual gathering of Kansas Ministers features fellowship. There are always new men but they do not remain strangers long in the informal fellowship hours.



Dr. Allen Hackett, Guest Speaker

"Jeans and Janes"

"Do-Si-Do"

The Wichita Pilgrim Congregational Church has two live-wire organizations doing their bit for the building fund, namely, the square dance groups.

The groups are headed by two young couples, Maggie and Dick Phillips and Dorothy and Wally Springer. The adult group meets every Friday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. The recently organized younger set—age range 8 to 11 years—meets on Monday evenings from 7 to 8. The latter having had only two meetings at this time; however, all reports indicate each meeting has been exceedingly succesful.

A vote of thanks should be given Florene and Doran Black who have done a great deal for both clubs. Doran is the caller and is ably assisted by his wife, Florene. The Blacks have made square dancing their hobby and they very seldom miss an evening a week calling for some group here in Wichita. These two people are donating their time as well as their efforts and talents. They have their own equipment such as loud speaker, microphone and records which they take from place to place.

The adults have decided upon Western costume for dress. The men wear jeans and bright colored shirts and the women wear conventional long and full skirts. At each meeting refreshments such as coffee, doughnuts, candy bars and cokes are sold. The couples donate so much money for the evening of entertainment which is combined with the refreshment sum, all of which goes to our building fund.

The younger group is far ahead of the adults in so far as naming their club. They have chosen, "Jeans and Janes." as their official title. One of the most important things in getting this set started was the selection of the long skirts by the girls. Since the group has organized, the adults are trying to work out a family square dance night every fifth Friday, at which time the youngsters and oldsters will participate together.

The obvious advantages of these clubs meeting, are providing good entertainment, a good means of teaching cooperation, and also a means of raising funds for our new church building to be begun in 1952.

—Virginia Merrill

"The Texas Star"

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

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Women's Department.
Dear Mrs. Garison:

I am writing you to express my gratitude and thanks to the women's department for the Bockoven Memorial Scholarship which was awarded me last spring. This scholarship for a large part is making my theological education possible.

I am enrolled in the Chicago Theological Seminary which is part of the Federated Theological Faculty of The University of Chicago. There are four seminaries on the University of Chicago campus which use a combined faculty.

You may be interested in the fact that I am getting a very fine practical education, working in one of the larger churches of Chicago, The United Church of Hyde Park. I teach a Sunday School class and lead a youth group of Post High School age.

I must express again my heart-felt thanks to you and the other members of the Women's Department for the wonderful gift and tell you that it is gratefully received and conscientiously used.

Sincerely,
Leon McKusick

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Dear Mrs. Rymph:

I enclose $1.00 for Congregational Kansas; I don't want to miss a copy—it means so much; all church news and women's work to me.

I find after being away from Kansas and the state work for 23 years, I know few of the ministers now, but the churches and many of the people, I remember.

My, how the Memorial Fund has grown (It was started on my front porch).

Rev. Fred Ensminger was here last week from Southern Union College and as always spoke of Mrs. Wellman's service and her abiding influence.

I hope to come to Kansas for visit enroute to Claremont, California in June for our General Council meeting.

Sincerely,
Mrs. May L. Flickinger,
Arlington, Va.

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Let All Things Be Done "In Memory of Him"

It is good that February is set aside as Memorial month for the Congregational women of Kansas. We have almost the entire new year to impress upon our minds two commandments; that we remember Jesus, and that God gives us all good and perfect blessings.

Our most sacred ritual is that of communion—a memorial rite. We eat the bread and drink the wine in remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we do this as an act of obedience. Jesus told us to do this, and before Christ spoke to us, God spoke thru another servant and, more specifically, told us to keep our heavenly Father in mind, of memory, and in all our ways acknowledge Him.

For the remainder of 1952, let us dedicate our thoughts, our acts, and our emotions to remembrance of Him. This will require discipline for some of us, but for a great many, it will surely be continuing along the road they've traveled many years—not a road made easy by their Companion, but a road trod by travelers made strong by Him.

There are some phases of remembrance we will do well to meditate upon, and the first of these is our memory of God. Now occurs a conversion, for we hardly turn our memories to Him before our thoughts change to a prayer of thanksgiving. This is as it should be, as our very thanksgiving is a fruit of memory. We remember His infinite mercy, His tremendous love, His endless strength, and know that all these are available to us, His children. There is no end to remembering God, and there is no end to the blessings we receive when His memory is a part of the very air we breathe.

It is a natural consequence to remember our neighbor when God is in our thinking. A truly wonderful miracle now is worked. Instead of thinking of our neighbor with disgust, indignation, pity, or amusement, with God in mind, he becomes our brother, whether he is the man next door, or Joseph Stalin, or the political leader of the party to which we do not subscribe. Our disgust turns to sorrow and our pity to compassion. We immediately do the best thing we know to do, and that is to take our neighbor to Jesus, kneel with him in prayer, asking forgiveness for ourselves and our brother.

One of our dearest memories is that of our homes, and those associated with us now and yesterday. With God in mind, we can turn bad emotions into good, and it is here, in our homes, that God can use us most effectively to do His work. Here we decide the atmosphere of the household, we mold the thinking habits of our children, we determine whether joy of sorrow dominates the lives of the older ones who depend on us. With God's memory to help us, all these patterns are made with love, with wisdom, with justice.

We look to February which is Memorial Month in our Women's Department. Plan a fitting observance in your group.

With God's memory ever with us, our Memorial Gifts this year will take on added significance. We will give in memory of our loved ones and in memory of Jesus, God's gift to us. Derek Neville gives us this inspiration: "Let us build a monument in our own souls—every one of us. Let it be 13,000 feet above self-level. Let it stand at the frontiers of thought, and let it be cast in the gold of love—for if the hard logic of the human mind be melted down, it will become transmuted. Indeed, in the course of time, it will transmute the world."

Vera Lancaster, Secretary
Memorial Fund
3122 Rochester Rd., Topeka

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President's Message

I have just returned from our December Woman's Association meeting. The beautiful program was taken from "A Highway for our God." I just wonder how many of you used that fine program. I have a feeling that our churches, as a whole are not taking advantage of the inspiring programs offered in our Program Packet.

Mrs. McKeeman, Friendly Service Chairman for Western Association, reports that all churches in Western Association have accepted their quotas. How about Eastern and Southern — haveyou sent your acceptance reports to Mrs. Schmitt and Mrs. Miller. It's time to be thinking of spring reports. If the chairman keeps itemized ac counts then reports are easy.

Mrs. E. C. Garrison

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Kiowa Men

At their monthly meeting early in December, 34 men were present to hear Mr. Chester Bidleman speak on "What My Church Means to Me." They recently aided with the church's financial canvass which resulted in a good increase. Improvements on their church plant are planned. A. C. Collier is chairman of the group with C. D. McBrayer, Secretary.

K. C. First Pilgrim

Evan Browne is president of a Men's Club meeting the second Monday night of each month. This club acts as a clearing house for the activities of all men's groups in the church—Boy Scout Committee, Cub Scout Committee, Trustees, Deacons, Fisherman's Club and others.

United Church Men

Walter A. Graham, executive director of our National Laymen's Fellowship, reports that our group actively supports the new laymen's organization of the National Council of Churches, United Church Men. Mr. Graham, who has advocated the formation of such a group for the past five years, and Clarence Beasley, chairman of the National Fellowship, represent our denomination on the executive committee of the United Church Men.

K. C. Prairie Village

Colonial Church Men's Club is a growing organization under the leadership of co-chairman Bob Ganz and Hal Kalousek.

Ellis

The Men's Activity Group at Ellis is working on a new chancel arrangement to be dedicated on February 17. Their first work night was held on January 10.

The Refugee

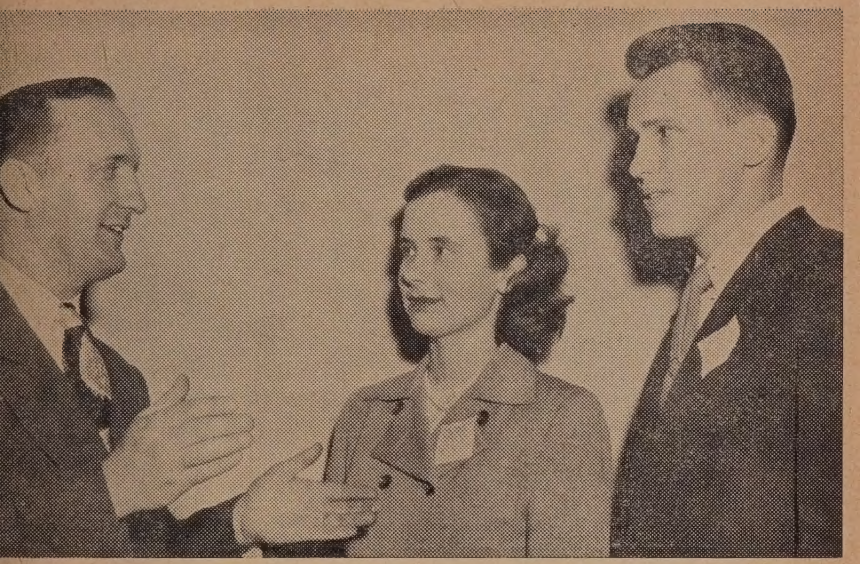
There are more than 77 million homeless refugees in the world. This means that through no action of their own; at least three out of every 100 persons in the world must endure subnormal lives. Herded into drab, dingy, and often primitive camps, or sardined into already jam-packed cities, or trudging wearily along the highways of Europe and Asia, they are seeking every man's right—freedom and security. Through Our Christian World Mission we are ministering to refugees in eight countries in Europe and Asia.

Churchmanship Schools

Stockton is scheduled to entertain a school on January 13. On February 3, churches of the area will meet at Great Bend. Special leadership gives help to Deacons, Trustees, Church Sshool workers and Finance Committees. The schools are set up by Kansas Laymen's Fellowship.

Ottawa

Thirty men attended the Men's Club at Ottawa on November 26 to hear a good talk given by Cliff Titus and enjoy fellowship over coffee and donuts.



he Rev. Dale Turner, Chairman on Local Arrangements for SVM, talking with delegates.

Youth of Forty-Seven Lands Meet at K.U.

More than 2,100 students from all countries except those behind the Iron Curtain met in Lawrence December 27 to January 1 for the 16th quadrennial tudent Volunteer Movement Conference. The theme for the meeting was Christ's Kingdom--Man's Hope." Outstanding leaders were: Dr. John Badweau, resident, American University, Cairo; Dr. John Mackay, President, Princeton heological Seminary; Dr. Surfit Singh, professor, United Theological Seminary, ha Ranpur, India; Dr. Truman Douglas, Board of Home Missions, Congre-ational-Christian Churches; Dr. Charles Ranson, General Secretary of the Inter-ational Missionary Council, Ireland; Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury, American Board nd the Rev. Tracy Jones of New York, Conference Director. The main presen-ations were followed by 150 miniature conferences each morning, 125 seminars ach afternoon and 100 fireside discussion groups each night.

Dr. Mackey said "The chief engagements in the struggle between God and ie forces of evil are taking place in the interior of human personalities. Souls, iat is, true personalities, are ultimately more important than civiliations." Dr. anson told delegates that the spread of the "redemptive community" throughout ie world is made more significant by the world's perilous division spiritually and eologically and its unification physically through science. Men talk today with ber realism about the possible collapse of Western civilization. They sometimes rget that it collapsed before, and that when it did, the one vital force that stood nid the ruins was the Christian Church.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President **Margaret Wilson, Secretary**

Plan Now For Youth Week
January 27-February 3

P.F. Sunday is almost here — January 27. Here is a chance for every P.F. group to share its ideas with the adults of the church. Let them know that P.F.'ers are interested in things more important than cokes, dates, movies and parties. It is an excellent time to say, "We are young people who are striving to live according to the ideals of Christ."

Things to do: Discuss your ideas with your group at next meeting. Appoint a committee to talk over with your minister some definite plans for the service; also choose a worship committee. You may want to develop your service around a topic such as "P.F.'ers strive to live according to the Christian Ideals."

How to present: Three young people could give eight minute talks instead of a regular sermon. Be sure to illustrate each point with interesting and accurate illustrations. Many people are unaware of what P.F. is doing throughout our nation and the world. There may be some phase of work in your community you want to present. Give your parents and friends a picture of young people who are concerned and who are dedicated to the building of a better world.

Other Things: Besides the talks, young people should read the scripture and responsive reading, lead in the prayers, sing solos or play piano or organ and act as ushers. In all cases, be sure to plan with your minister early.

After the Morning Service: Plan some activities for youth week which will include parents and friends. "The Call" should also be worked in with your plans.

Publicity: Write an article for your local newspaper and church paper. Talk it — at church, home, school. Share your ideas and experiences.

Youth Week Materials: You will need these fine aids to help make your Youth Week Program successful.

"The Call"

"The Call" is a program to unite one million Christian youth and their adult leaders in a dramatic witness to the power of the Christian fellowship through specific action projects in the local community, the nation and the world.

Observance of "The Call" is to be on February 3 (inter-denominational Sunday of Youth Week.) It is the commitment and rededication of self to Christ and the promise to share actively in a program of United Christian Youth Action. Each person accepting the call contributes one dollar and in this way it is hoped the UCYM will obtain one million dollars to use in carrying out their program. Each dollar is used as follows:

World Action	.33
National Action	.27½
State Action	.27½
"The Call"	.12

If you do not have a group organized in your church or community to work on "The Call", there is still time. Write Rev. Milton Vogel, 633 Kansas Avenue, Topeka or State Conference office.

"The Call" is the beginning of something—not the end. It is the beginning of a strong program of United Christian Youth Action. There are three parts in the program to follow Evangelism, Community Service, and World Christian Citizenship. What is your group doing about "THE CALL?"

Parshad Scholarship Contest

"The Church's Responsibility in the Community" will be the topic for essays entered in the 1952 contest. Write UCYM, 79 E. Adams Street, Chicago 3, Ill., for further information.

Lenten Devotions Off Press

These booklets are now available from Pilgrim Press for 5 cents each. Paul McElroy is the writer and the theme is WHAT DID JESUS SAY' Order copies now for your entire group.

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 23. P.F.'ers are urged to share actively in this program for all protestants this Lent. The urgent relief projects within the program of One Great Hour of Sharing are all within our Christian World Mission. Watch for announcements of National Radio Programs. There will be no special P. F. projects this year, but all will share in the above program.

Movie Projector For Wichita Fairmount

Norky Jones reports that their P.F. group is helping pay for a new movie projector.

"In His Steps" Study Theme

Topeka Central Pilgrims have been using Dr. Sheldon's classic book "In His Steps" as a source for stimulating discussions. Dr. Sheldon was minister of Topeka Central for thirty years, and had the story a chapter a week, to central young people, before the book was printed. Readers thus far have been Astrid Skoog, Paul Lee and Helen Graves.

Three Kansas P. F. Presidents Married

On December 8 at Peoria, Illinois, Robert Dyckman Dewey was married to Eleaner Hootman. Bob was ordained in Emporia First Congregational Church in September. He is Minister of Youth for the Ohio Conference.

On December 30, Evelyn Millison became the wife of Henry Bradshaw. The wedding took place in First Congregational Church in Topeka, with the Rev. Harold Bradshaw officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones. Judy Tate and Helen Rymph Santner assisted with the music. Evelyn and Henry are seniors at K.U., and plan to leave next fall for the east where Henry will continue studies at Hartford Seminary.

George Caldwell was married to Marcia Sweetman on January 6 in the Fairmount Community Church with the Rev. George Fisk presiding. Miss Sweetman is Mrs. George Fisk's sister. They are very active sponsors of Fairmount P.F., and will make their home in Wichita.

More Christmas Wedding Bells

Lou Bender was married to Mary Lybarger in the chapel at Chicago Theological Seminary with Dr. Amos Wilder officiating. Lou, a loyal P.F. counselor of our summer camp and a member of our Manhattan Church, is in his third year at the Seminary. Miss Lybarger is taking her M. A. at Chicago.

Miss Sarah Bockoven of New York City, daughter of Mrs. Paul Bockoven of Los Angeles, and the late Rev. Mr. Bockoven, was married on December 28 to Mr. Max Edward Caspari. The Rev. Stanley U. North, General Secretary of the Church Extension Division of the Board of Home Missions, officiated.

P. F. Central Committee At Erickson's

The Pilgrim Fellowship Central Committee met December 30 at Uncle Elmer Erickson's in Topeka to discuss important things coming up in P.F. in the next few months. Items included P.F. Council in California next June, delegates to the council, Youth Week and Lent. Those present were Uncle Elmer, State Sponsor, and Aunt Edith Erickson; Uncle Fuzzy Hughes, Jr. Hi State Sponsor; Harry Schanker, State President; Margaret Wilson, Secretary; Aunt Ruth Rymph, Treasurer; and Aunt Polly Bloomer. Jim Bass, last year's State President and Judy Tate, last year's Secretary, dropped in to say 'hello'. Watch for a letter from your Association officers giving important information.

Caroling Parties

Traditional Christmas activities would would not be complete without caroling services to those members who are ill or shut-in. McPherson Jr. Hi and Senior P.F.'ers caroled for the invalids of the church and then had refreshments at the church on December 16. The Seniors presented a melodrama at the Sunday Evening Club. Sharon Duffin at Kansas City Rosedale reports an annual Christmas Party followed by caroling to shut-ins. On December 19 the Lenora P.F.'ers had a supper followed with caroling.

Camp Slides

It is not too early to start thinking about camp. Aunt Ruth Rymph and Uncle Don Diosdada took some fine new slides last summer to add to our collection. We are in the process of writing a new script. Plan to use these for a Sunday evening program soon.

Gala Day At Maple Hill

The Legion Hall at Maple Hill was duly cleaned and decorated by th P.F.'ers to welcome ex-P.F.'ers an visiting P.F.'ers December 30. Thos on the decorating and welcoming com mittee were David Adams, DeAu Mackie, Jack McClelland, Allan Dea McComas, Joe Tarbutton, Jack Wa ren, Bill and George Wild. Punch an cookies were served. In the evenin the Central Congregational P.F. join ed in the festivities of contests, mixer and folk dancing called by Don Mc Clelland. Following this the grou progressed to the church where Charle Imthurn and Daile McClelland le in a 1952 Resolution Meditation. Jac McClelland played "The Holy City on his cornet and Shirley Sloan lighte the candles.

Candelighting Service

The Lenora P.F. sponsored the An nual Candlelighting Service on Chris mas Eve.

Benefit Corn Picking

A group of 58 youngsters of Pi grim Fellowship and Boy Scout grou of First Congregational Church o Crete, Nebraska, held a "Corn Pick ing" early in December on a far close to town. When the 4490 pound of corn gathered was sold—one-ha of the proceeds went to the landlord— one-half was sent to Topeka Seama Church because it sponsored both o these groups and because it was a com munity church. So this fine contri bution of $22.35 from this event w be used in repairing the flood damage church.

Russell Junior Hi's Trim Tree

The Junior Pilgrims had the job o triming the Christmas tree for the new church. The only mishap was whe the minister broke an ornament.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

"Tomorrow"

This is the Christian Education Newsletter. It is sent automatically to ministers, superintendents, children and youth workers. If you are interested in receiving it, write the Conference office.

Resources For Vacation Church School

There are a number of helpful books, pamphlets and audio visual materials which will help in making plans for this important educational activity. It is not too early to begin getting leaders and materials ready.

"What Is A Vacation Church School?"

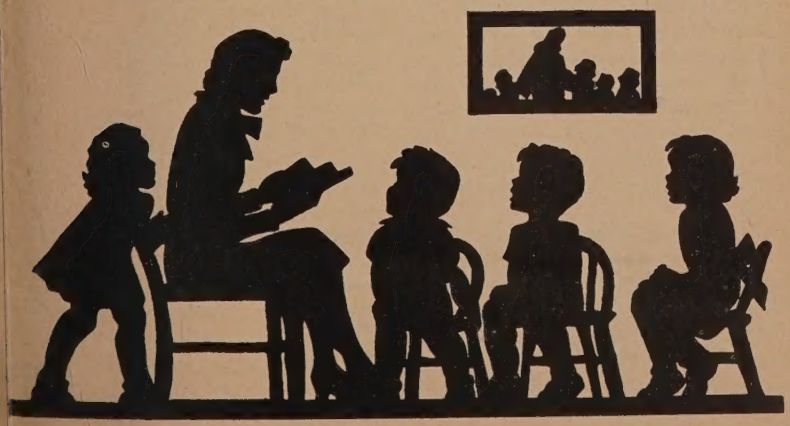
This is the title of an excellent booklet which is reprinted in revised form from Pilgrim Series Program Manual, Spring Quarter 1951. If you are planning a Vacation Church School you no doubt have questions about a number of things. This booklet answers many questions and outlines very simply the important things. Included are sections on planning, age groups, meeting places, dates, hours, schedules, finances, leadership, study courses and publicity. There is a good bibliography included. Price 10¢. We have copies in Conference office.

"It Can Happen In Summer"

This is a black and white filmstrip available from the Conference that you will want to use. It is designed to promote interest in the values of vacation church schools, to encourage local churches to sponsor them, and to interest potential volunteers for service in this type of summer enterprise in the local church.

If You Are The Superintendent

Be sure to read "The Superintendent's Workshop" in the Pilgrim Series Program Manual. This series of articles was written by Mr. George Burridge who was one of our leaders at LaForet Workshop last summer.



Resources For This Quarter

A number of books and audio-visual materials are available from the Conference to supplement the Pilgrim Series courses. We encourage all teachers to make use of this material. This quarter continues "The Life of Christ". These are books which may be borrowed: Jesus and His Friends, Tell Me About Jesus, and His Name Was Jesus by Mary Alice Jones; Nathan, Boy of Capernaum, Amy Morris Lillie; The Bible Story for Boys and Girls; New Testament, Walter R. Bowie; By An Unknown Disciple; The Mission and Message of Jesus, Major, Manson and Wright; and Christ and the Fine Arts, Cynthia Pearl Maus. Audio visual materials include the colored filmstrips on The Life Of Christ (designed for this study material); fifty slides on Life of Christ, Elsie Anna Wood; Two Thousand Years Ago Series. These include Home, Day's Work, School, Travelers, Synagogue and are excellent background material on life and customs in Jesus' day. Suitable for older primaries and juniors. Esa: A Little Boy of Nazareth is a slide set in color of life and customs in Nazareth.

Family Night Party At Lenora

A Sharing Program was given December 21 in Pilgrim Hall which has recently been painted and brightened up. Each department in the church school had a part and every child was in it. There was also a Christmas tree and the adults served simple refreshments.

Unified Christmas Service

Another unique service was held at Lenora on Christmas Sunday when all the children of the church participated in the church service. A choral response used as scripture was given by the Kindergarten and Primary Departments.

News Needed

Why not appoint a regular new reporter from your church school t send us a report of activities eac month.

Mildred Widber Is Coming To Kansa

The period of April 24—May will be devoted to Leadership Institut in areas throughout the state. We a fortunate to have Miss Widber our leader for these meetings. Sh is interested in meeting with teache superintendents, Christian Educatio Committees, etc. Watch for announc ments.

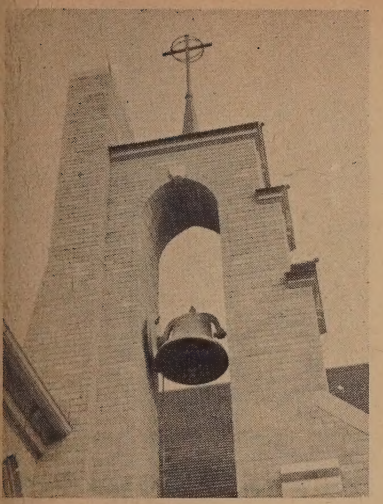
Vacation Church School Clinics

This is one of the most importa leadership training opportunities f local church leaders. Be sure to urg your teachers to take advantage the one in your area.

March 4 - Anthony, Scott City, Iola, Emporia
March 5 - Winfield, Sublette, F Scott. Ottawa
March 6 - El Dorado, Ashland, Parsons, Olathe
March 7 - Peabody, Kinsley, Independence, Topeka
March 11 - Manhattan, Ellsworth, Norton, Kingman
March 12 - Blue Rapids, Osborne, Atwood, Medicine Lod
March 13 - Horton, Concordia, Goodland, Great Bend
March 14 - Oskaloosa, Abilene, Wekeeney, Hutchinson

Community Christmas Party At Pauli

A traditional Christmas party a program was given at the church f members of the community and s vicemen at Forbes Air Base. Mr. W liam Burns, Superintendent of t church school at Topeka First p vided the audio-visual part of t program. Rev. and Mrs. George Tayl of Topeka are the ministers.



Russell Church Dedication

The Russell Church dedication has been set for February 3rd. We do not have full details of the program of the day, but we are looking forward to sharing in the glad festivities. The tower of the new church building is pictured here as a call to share this day with the Russell congregation. The cross on the tower is distinctive in that it includes both the vertical and the horizontal symbolic circles. The vertical circle, symbolizes the Trinity and the relationship of God to man. The horizontal circle, which only touches the arms of the cross symbolizes the fraternal relationship, man to man. The world we pray for and labor to make the kingdom of God, is symbolized by the global base to the cross. Below the spire is the bell to welcome you.

The Rev. Hans Poppe and the Russell Congregation are to be commended for the fine job of renovating and rebuilding the former sanctuary with the addition of adequate Class, Fellowship and Service rooms. A small chapel is a part of the educational structure. The church is distinctive in its lighting, visual and audio equipment. The main entrance and offset glass indirect lighting in the front of the chancel is something new and distinctive in design. One must really see it to appreciate it—so plan to visit Russell dedication February 3rd.

Kansas City Ruby Avenue Dedication

Kansas City Ruby Avenue Church will be ready for dedication services on January 27. Dr. Stanley U. North will be the speaker. The State Superintendent conducted the opening day service in the new church on the 16th of December.

The Rev. E. L. Baker and his congregation are to be congratulated in bringing this structure to completion against great odds. The former church structure was moved from its old location at 22nd and Ruby Avenue to the new location at 17th and Ruby Avenue; modernized and encased in brick veneer. A commodious basement and a three-story educational and fellowship wing were added. The pews and church furnishings lost in the flood have been replaced with beautiful new furnishings. This is the second building venture for E. L. Baker in his ministry. All Ruby Avenue members give their pastor full credit for his courageous and persistent leadership saying; "We just could not have done this without E. L. Baker." It is to be remembered that Ed. Baker came out of retirement to take this church, and is having one of his best pastorates. The Board of Home Missions recognizes this outstanding achievement and has invited Mr. Baker to come to the Mid-Winter Meeting at Cleveland and tell the story.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Kansas City Rosedale

The Rev. John A. Nansen reports that more than 1500 people attended Christmas services and parties in connection with the church program December 16 thru the 23rd. The following week was designated as "Christmas at home" week with no church activities.

Browns of Eureka In Accident

George Edward Brown, minister of our Eureka Congregational Church and his wife were injured on Christmas Day as their car overturned on icy roads near Waverly. Mrs. Brown suffered severs injuries as she was thrown through the windshield of the car. Mr. Brown received some bad bruises and a deep cut over one knee. They were taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. where Mrs. Brown will have to remain a couple of months. Mr. Brown was released after a two weeks stay and was able to return to his pulpit January 6.

Great Bend

Women's Fellowship packed and mailed 18 boxes of home-made cookies to members of the church serving in various branches of military service.

Carbondale

The Women's Society with Mr Mary Ulrich as president recently co plete an improvement program in F lowship Hall with new plaster, pair folding tables and chairs and ne drapes. The Church School under th leadership of Mr. Dewey Punche Superintendent, has and average atte dance of almost 100.

Christmas At Topeka Seaman

The church children at Seaman we about the happiest in the land—why Because there were those who wante to help erase the summer's experienc from their memories. The Junior H girls from Topeka First and teache Miss Millicent Hosmer gave the Pr mary children one of the grande parties; even including Old Santa. Th Letha Lasswell group of Topeka Ce tral made stockings, furnished canc and nuts to fill them and 30 gifts f Nursery and Beginner kiddies. Th Junior children received gifts sent fro First Congregational Church women Council Bluffs, Iowa. More gifts fro the Congregational Church in Frien Nebraska and these were used for chi dren of the parish where Christma would have been meager.